

**ABSTRACT**

Suction muffler (140) receives low-temperature refrigerant gas discharged into hermetic container (101) from suction pipe (109) by gas catcher (144), and feeds  
5 the gas to a compressor. The lower end of an opening of gas catcher (144) is located at a position lower than the lower end of an orifice of suction pipe (109) so as to catch the refrigerant gas falling obliquely downward inside hermetic container (101).